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To amend chapter 31 of title 31 of the United States Code and title IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to automatically suspend the debt limit for the fiscal year of a budget resolution.

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Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HUIZENGA, and Ms. BOURDEAUX) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend chapter 31 of title 31 of the United States Code and title IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to automatically suspend the debt limit for the fiscal year of a budget resolution.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Responsible Budgeting
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST TO SUSPEND THE DEBT**2 **LIMIT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 31, United States Code, is
4 amended by striking section 3101A and inserting the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 3101A. Modification of statutory limit on the public
7 debt**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon adoption by Congress of
9 a concurrent resolution on the budget under section 301
10 or 304 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C.
11 632, 634) that satisfies the required ratio, as determined
12 by the Congressional Budget Office, the Clerk of the
13 House of Representatives shall prepare an engrossment of
14 a joint resolution in the form prescribed in subsection (b)
15 suspending the statutory limit on the public debt until the
16 last day of the fiscal year of that concurrent resolution.

17 Upon engrossment of the joint resolution, the vote by
18 which the concurrent resolution on the budget was adopt-
19 ed by the House of Representatives shall also be consid-
20 ered as a vote on passage of the joint resolution in the
21 House of Representatives, and the joint resolution shall
22 be considered as passed by the House of Representatives
23 and duly certified and examined. The engrossed copy shall
24 be signed by the Clerk of the House of Representatives
25 and transmitted to the Senate. Upon receipt of the House
26 of Representatives joint resolution in the Senate, the vote

1 by which the concurrent resolution on the budget was
2 adopted in the Senate shall also be considered as a vote
3 on passage of the joint resolution in the Senate, and the
4 joint resolution shall be considered as passed by the Sen-
5 ate, duly certified and examined, and transmitted to the
6 House of Representatives for enrollment.

7 “(b) FORM OF JOINT RESOLUTION.—The form of the
8 joint resolution described in this subsection is a joint reso-
9 lution—

10 “(1) which does not have a preamble;
11 “(2) the title of which is only as follows: ‘Joint
12 resolution suspending the debt limit, as prepared
13 under section 3101A of title 31, United States Code,
14 on _____’ (with the blank containing the
15 date on which the joint resolution is prepared); and

16 “(3) the matter after the resolving clause which
17 is only as follows: ‘Section 3101(b) of title 31,
18 United States Code, shall not apply for the period
19 beginning on the date of enactment and ending on
20 September 30, _____.’ (with the blank being
21 filled with the fiscal year of the concurrent resolu-
22 tion on the budget).

23 “(c) INCREASE OF DEBT LIMIT.—Effective on the
24 date on which the authority of a joint resolution described

1 in subsection (b) terminates, the limitation in effect under
2 section 3101(b) shall be increased to the extent that—

3 “(1) the face amount of obligations issued
4 under this chapter and the face amount of obliga-
5 tions whose principal and interest are guaranteed by
6 the United States Government (except guaranteed
7 obligations held by the Secretary of the Treasury)
8 outstanding on such date, exceeds

9 “(2) the face amount of such obligations out-
10 standing on the date the debt limit was last in ef-
11 fect.

12 “(d) RESTORING CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY OVER
13 THE NATIONAL DEBT.—

14 “(1) EXTENSION LIMITED TO NECESSARY OBLI-
15 GATIONS.—An obligation shall not be taken into ac-
16 count under subsection (c)(1) unless the issuance of
17 such obligation was necessary to fund a commitment
18 incurred pursuant to law by the Federal Government
19 that required payment before the date on which the
20 authorization of the joint resolution described in
21 subsection (b) terminates.

22 “(2) PROHIBITION ON CREATION OF CASH RE-
23 SERVE DURING EXTENSION PERIOD.—The Secretary
24 of the Treasury shall not issue obligations during
25 the period specified in the matter after the resolving

1 clause of a joint resolution, as described in sub-
2 section (b)(3), for the purpose of increasing the cash
3 balance above normal operating balances in anticipa-
4 tion of the expiration of such period.

5 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
6 tion shall be construed as limiting or otherwise affecting—

7 “(1) the power of the House of Representatives
8 or the Senate to consider and pass bills or joint res-
9 olutions, without regard to the procedures under
10 subsection (a), that would change the statutory limit
11 on the public debt; or

12 “(2) the rights of Members, Delegates, the
13 Resident Commissioner, or committees with respect
14 to the introduction, consideration, and reporting of
15 such bills or joint resolutions.

16 “(f) DEFINITION.—In this section and section
17 3101B—

18 “(1) the term ‘required ratio’ means the ratio
19 that—

20 “(A) reduces by not less than 10 percent-
21 age points the projected ratio under current law
22 of debt held by the public to Gross Domestic
23 Product in the tenth fiscal year after the cur-
24 rent fiscal year; and

1 “(B) reduces such projected ratio by 50
2 percent of the total reduction required under
3 subparagraph (A) not later than the fifth fiscal
4 year after the current fiscal year; and
5 “(2) the term ‘statutory limit on the public
6 debt’ means the maximum face amount of obliga-
7 tions issued under authority of this chapter and obli-
8 gations guaranteed as to principal and interest by
9 the United States (except such guaranteed obliga-
10 tions as may be held by the Secretary of the Treas-
11 ury), as determined under section 3101(b) after the
12 application of section 3101(a), that may be out-
13 standing at any one time.

14 **“§ 3101B. Presidential modification of the debt ceil-**

15 **ing**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

17 “(1) WRITTEN NOTIFICATION.—If, for a fiscal
18 year, Congress does not adopt a concurrent resolu-
19 tion on the budget that satisfies the required ratio
20 by the covered date, the President may submit a
21 written notification to Congress, including a debt re-
22 duction proposal with legislative language that satis-
23 fies the required ratio, that the President is sus-
24 pending the statutory limit on the public debt sub-

1 ject to limit in section 3101(b) and that further bor-
2 rowing is required to meet existing commitments.

3 “(2) EFFECT OF NOTIFICATION.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph
5 (C), upon the submission of a written no-
6 tification by the President under paragraph (1),
7 including a debt reduction proposal comprised
8 of legislative text that the Director of the Office
9 of Management and Budget has determined
10 satisfies the required ratio, the statutory limit
11 on the public debt shall be suspended until the
12 end of the fiscal year beginning in the calendar
13 year in which the President submits a request.

14 “(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as pro-
15 vided in subparagraph (C), a suspension of the
16 statutory limit on the public debt under sub-
17 paragraph (A) shall take effect on the date that
18 is 30 calendar days after the date on which the
19 written notification is submitted by the Presi-
20 dent under paragraph (1).

21 “(C) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The
22 statutory limit on the public debt shall not be
23 suspended under this paragraph if, during the
24 30-calendar-day period beginning on the date
25 on which Congress receives a notification under

1 this paragraph, Congress enacts into law a joint
2 resolution of disapproval in accordance with
3 subsection (b).

4 “(3) COVERED DATE DEFINED.—For purposes
5 of paragraph (1), the term ‘covered date’ means the
6 earlier of—

7 “(A) April 15 of the calendar year in
8 which the fiscal year of the applicable concur-
9 rent resolution on the budget begins; or

10 “(B) 60 days before the date on which the
11 statutory limit on the public debt will be
12 reached, as described in the congressional noti-
13 fication submitted by the Secretary of the
14 Treasury.

15 “(4) INCREASE OF DEBT LIMIT.—Effective on
16 the date the debt limit extension pursuant to the
17 written notification under paragraph (1) terminates,
18 the limitation in effect under section 3101(b) shall
19 be increased to the extent that—

20 “(A) the face amount of obligations issued
21 under this chapter and the face amount of obli-
22 gations whose principal and interest are guar-
23 anteed by the United States Government (ex-
24 cept guaranteed obligations held by the Sec-

1 retary of the Treasury) outstanding on such
2 date, exceeds

3 “(B) the face amount of such obligations
4 outstanding on the date the debt limit was last
5 in effect.

6 “(5) RESTORING CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY
7 OVER THE NATIONAL DEBT.—

8 “(A) EXTENSION LIMITED TO NECESSARY
9 OBLIGATIONS.—An obligation shall not be taken
10 into account under paragraph (4)(A) unless the
11 issuance of such obligation was necessary to
12 fund a commitment incurred pursuant to law by
13 the Federal Government that required payment
14 before the date on which the debt limit exten-
15 sion pursuant to the written notification under
16 paragraph (1) terminates.

17 “(B) PROHIBITION ON CREATION OF CASH
18 RESERVE DURING EXTENSION PERIOD.—The
19 Secretary of the Treasury shall not issue obliga-
20 tions during the period beginning on the effec-
21 tive date described in paragraph (2)(B) and
22 ending on the last day of the fiscal year de-
23 scribed in paragraph (2)(A) for the purpose of
24 increasing the cash balance above normal oper-

1 ating balances in anticipation of the expiration
2 of such period.

3 “(b) JOINT RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a joint resolution of dis-
5 approval has not been enacted by the end of the 30-
6 calendar-day period beginning on the date on which
7 the presidential notification to which the joint reso-
8 lution relates was received by Congress under sub-
9 section (a), the statutory limit on public debt shall
10 be suspended as specified in the presidential notifi-
11 cation.

12 “(2) CONTENTS OF JOINT RESOLUTION.—For
13 the purpose of this section, the term ‘joint resolu-
14 tion’ means only a joint resolution—

15 “(A) that is introduced between the date
16 the written notification is received and 3 cal-
17 endar days after that date (or if the House of
18 Representatives or Senate is not in session, the
19 next calendar date in which it is in session);

20 “(B) which does not have a preamble;

21 “(C) the title of which is only as follows:
22 ‘Joint resolution relating to the disapproval of
23 the President’s exercise of authority to suspend
24 the debt limit, as submitted under section
25 3101B(a) of title 31, United States Code, on

1 _____' (with the blank containing the
2 date of such submission); and

3 “(D) the matter after the resolving clause
4 of which is only as follows: ‘That Congress dis-
5 approves of the President’s exercise of authority
6 to suspend the debt limit, as exercised pursuant
7 to the written notification under section
8 3101B(a) of title 31, United States Code.’.

9 “(c) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IN THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES.—

11 “(1) RECONVENING.—Upon receipt of a written
12 notification described in subsection (a)(1), the
13 Speaker of the House of Representatives, if the
14 House of Representatives would otherwise be ad-
15 journed, shall notify the Members of the House of
16 Representatives that, pursuant to this section, the
17 House of Representatives shall convene not later
18 than the second calendar day after receipt of such
19 written notification.

20 “(2) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—A joint
21 resolution introduced under paragraph (1) shall be
22 referred to the Committee on Ways and Means of
23 the House of Representatives and such committee
24 shall report the joint resolution to the House of Rep-
25 resentatives without amendment not later than 5

1 calendar days after the date on which the joint reso-
2 lution is introduced. If the Committee on Ways and
3 Means fails to report the joint resolution within the
4 5-day period, the Committee on Ways and Means
5 shall be discharged from further consideration of the
6 joint resolution and it shall be referred to the appro-
7 priate calendar.

8 “(3) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—Upon
9 report or discharge from the Committee on Ways
10 and Means of the House of Representatives, and not
11 later than 6 days after the date on which the joint
12 resolution is introduced under paragraph (1), it shall
13 be in order to move to proceed to consider the joint
14 resolution in the House of Representatives. All
15 points of order against the motion are waived. Such
16 a motion shall not be in order after the House of
17 Representatives has disposed of a motion to proceed
18 on a joint resolution addressing a particular submis-
19 sion. The previous question shall be considered as
20 ordered on the motion to its adoption without inter-
21 vening motion. The motion shall not be debatable. A
22 motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion
23 is disposed of shall not be in order.

24 “(4) CONSIDERATION.—The joint resolution
25 shall be considered as read. All points of order

1 against the joint resolution and against its consider-
2 ation are waived. The previous question shall be con-
3 sidered as ordered on the joint resolution to its pas-
4 sage without intervening motion except two hours of
5 debate equally divided and controlled by the pro-
6 ponent and an opponent. A motion to reconsider the
7 vote on passage of the joint resolution shall not be
8 in order.

9 “(d) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE IN SENATE.—

10 “(1) RECONVENING.—Upon receipt of a written
11 notification under subsection (a)(1), if the Senate
12 has adjourned or recessed for more than 2 days, the
13 majority leader of the Senate, after consultation
14 with the minority leader of the Senate, shall notify
15 the Members of the Senate that, pursuant to this
16 section, the Senate shall convene not later than the
17 second calendar day after receipt of such message.

18 “(2) PLACEMENT ON CALENDAR.—Upon intro-
19 duction in the Senate, the joint resolution shall be
20 immediately placed on the calendar.

21 “(3) FLOOR CONSIDERATION.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding Rule
23 XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is
24 in order at any time during the period begin-
25 ning on the day after the date on which Con-

1 gress receives a written notification under sub-
2 section (a) and ending on the sixth day after
3 the date on which Congress receives a written
4 notification under subsection (a) (even though a
5 previous motion to the same effect has been dis-
6 agreed to) to move to proceed to the consider-
7 ation of the joint resolution, and all points of
8 order against the joint resolution (and against
9 consideration of the joint resolution) are
10 waived. The motion to proceed is not debatable.
11 The motion is not subject to a motion to post-
12 pone. A motion to reconsider the vote by which
13 the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not
14 be in order. If a motion to proceed to the con-
15 sideration of the resolution is agreed to, the
16 joint resolution shall remain the unfinished
17 business until disposed of.

18 “(B) CONSIDERATION.—Consideration of
19 the joint resolution, and on all debatable mo-
20 tions and appeals in connection therewith, shall
21 be limited to not more than 10 hours, which
22 shall be divided equally between the majority
23 and minority leaders or their designees. A mo-
24 tion further to limit debate is in order and not
25 debatable. An amendment to, or a motion to

1 postpone, or a motion to proceed to the consid-
2 eration of other business, or a motion to recom-
3 mit the joint resolution is not in order.

4 “(C) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—If the Senate
5 has voted to proceed to a joint resolution, the
6 vote on passage of the joint resolution shall
7 occur immediately following the conclusion of
8 consideration of the joint resolution, and a sin-
9 gle quorum call at the conclusion of the debate
10 if requested in accordance with the rules of the
11 Senate.

12 “(D) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-
13 DURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair
14 relating to the application of the rules of the
15 Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure re-
16 lating to a joint resolution shall be decided
17 without debate.

18 “(e) AMENDMENT NOT IN ORDER.—A joint resolu-
19 tion of disapproval considered pursuant to this section
20 shall not be subject to amendment in either the House
21 of Representatives or the Senate.

22 “(f) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY OTHER
23 HOUSE.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If, before passing the joint
2 resolution, one House receives from the other a joint
3 resolution—

4 “(A) the joint resolution of the other
5 House shall not be referred to a committee; and

6 “(B) the procedure in the receiving house
7 shall be the same as if no joint resolution had
8 been received from the other house until the
9 vote on passage, when the joint resolution re-
10 ceived from the other house shall supplant the
11 joint resolution of the receiving House.

12 “(2) TREATMENT OF JOINT RESOLUTION OF
13 OTHER HOUSE.—If the Senate fails to introduce or
14 consider a joint resolution under this section, the
15 joint resolution of the House shall be entitled to ex-
16 pedited floor procedures under this section.

17 “(3) TREATMENT OF COMPANION MEASURES.—
18 If, following passage of the joint resolution in the
19 Senate, the Senate then receives the companion
20 measure from the House of Representatives, the
21 companion measure shall not be debatable.

22 “(4) CONSIDERATION AFTER PASSAGE.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If Congress passes a
24 joint resolution, the period beginning on the
25 date the President is presented with the joint

1 resolution and ending on the date the President
2 signs, allows to become law without the signa-
3 ture of the President, or vetoes and returns the
4 joint resolution (but excluding days when either
5 House is not in session) shall be disregarded in
6 computing the appropriate calendar day period
7 described in subsection (b)(1).

8 “(B) DEBATE ON VETO MESSAGE.—De-
9 bate on a veto message in the Senate under this
10 section shall be 1 hour equally divided between
11 the majority and minority leaders or their des-
12 ignees.

13 “(C) VETO OVERRIDE.—If, within the 30-
14 calendar-day period described in subsection
15 (b)(1), Congress overrides a veto of a joint reso-
16 lution, the limitation in effect under section
17 3101(b) shall not be suspended.

18 “(g) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
19 SENATE.—This section and section 3101A are enacted by
20 Congress—

21 “(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
22 the Senate and House of Representatives, respec-
23 tively, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules
24 of each House, respectively, but applicable only with
25 respect to the procedure to be followed in that

1 House in the case of a joint resolution, and it super-
2 sedes other rules only to the extent that it is incon-
3 sistent with such rules; and

4 “(2) with full recognition of the constitutional
5 right of either House to change the rules (so far as
6 relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,
7 in the same manner, and to the same extent as in
8 the case of any other rule of that House.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
10 of subchapter I of chapter 31 of title 31, United States
11 Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section
12 3101A and inserting the following:

“3101A. Modification of statutory limit on the public debt.
“3101B. Presidential modification of the debt ceiling.”.

13 **SEC. 3. CONSIDERATION OF THE DEBT REDUCTION PRO-**
14 **POSAL SUBMITTED BY THE PRESIDENT.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part A of title IV of the Congres-
16 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2
17 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
18 406 the following:

19 **“SEC. 407. CONSIDERATION OF THE DEBT REDUCTION PRO-**
20 **POSAL SUBMITTED BY THE PRESIDENT.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any debt reduction proposal
22 submitted by the President under section 3101B(a)(2)(A)
23 of title 31, United States Code, is required to satisfy the

1 required ratio as determined by the Office of Management
2 and Budget.

3 “(b) CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESIDENT’S PRO-
4 POSAL IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

5 “(1) INTRODUCTION.—Any debt reduction pro-
6 posal submitted by the President under section
7 3101B of title 31, United States Code, shall be in-
8 troduced by the majority or minority leader of the
9 House of Representatives or their designees. Upon
10 introduction, the Chair of the Committee on the
11 Budget shall within 3 days submit the proposal to
12 the Congressional Budget Office to be scored.

13 “(2) REFERRAL.—Any proposal introduced
14 under paragraph (1) shall be referred to the Com-
15 mittee on the Budget of the House of Representa-
16 tives.

17 “(3) REQUESTS BY BUDGET COMMITTEE.—Not
18 later than 3 days after the date on which a proposal
19 is referred under paragraph (2), the Chair of the
20 Committee on the Budget of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives shall submit to each appropriate com-
22 mittee of the House a request that, during the 30-
23 day period beginning on the date on which the re-
24 quest is made, the appropriate committee submit to
25 the Committee on the Budget of the House—

1 “(A) a general assessment of the proposal
2 introduced under paragraph (1); and

3 “(B)(i) any recommendations related to
4 the proposal; or

5 “(ii) any alternative recommendation to re-
6 duce the deficit within the jurisdiction of the
7 committee.

8 “(4) REPORTED LEGISLATION BY BUDGET COM-
9 MITTEE.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Committee on the
11 Budget of the House of Representatives shall
12 report a bill that meets the required ratio not
13 later than 60 days after the date on which the
14 President submits a debt reduction proposal
15 under this section.

16 “(B) CONTENTS OF LEGISLATION.—The
17 bill reported under subparagraph (A) may in-
18 clude—

19 “(i) the debt reduction proposal sub-
20 mitted by the President under this section;
21 and

22 “(ii) any recommendations submitted
23 to the Committee on the Budget of the
24 House of Representatives under paragraph
25 (3), including any modifications to such

1 proposals by the Committee on the Budget
2 of the House of Representatives.

3 “(C) CBO SCORE.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—No bill may be re-
5 ported under subparagraph (A) unless the
6 Chair of the Committee on the Budget—

7 “(I) submits to the Director of
8 the Congressional Budget Office such
9 bill for a cost estimate to be prepared
10 under section 402; and

11 “(II) receives from the Director a
12 cost estimate described in subclause
13 (I) that includes a statement that
14 such bill meets the required ratio.

15 “(ii) TIME PERIOD.—The 60-day pe-
16 riod described in subparagraph (A) shall
17 not include the period beginning on the
18 date on which the Chair of the Committee
19 on the Budget of the House of Representa-
20 tives submits to the Director of the Con-
21 gressional Budget Office the bill under
22 clause (i)(I) and ending on the date on
23 which the Chair receives the cost estimate
24 under clause (i)(II).

25 “(5) DISCHARGE.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Committee on
2 the Budget of the House of Representatives
3 fails to report a bill within 60 days after the re-
4 ferral of the proposal submitted under section
5 3101B of title 31, United States Code, and
6 such proposal has been determined by the Di-
7 rector to satisfy the required ratio, then the
8 committee shall be discharged from further con-
9 sideration of the bill that embodies the debt re-
10 duction proposal of the President and it shall
11 be referred to the appropriate calendar.

12 “(B) CONSIDERATION.—In the House of
13 Representatives, if the Committee on Rules fails
14 to report a rule within 7 legislative days of the
15 bill being placed on the Calendar for the consid-
16 eration of a bill reported by the Committee on
17 the Budget under paragraph (4) or discharged
18 under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph
19 which has been determined by the Director to
20 satisfy the required ratio, then any Member
21 may offer a privilege resolution providing for
22 the consideration of the bill. Such resolution
23 shall provide that upon its adoption it shall be
24 in order to consider in the House of Represent-
25 atives the bill. The bill under the procedure set

1 forth in section 408(c) shall be debatable for
2 two hours equally divided and controlled by a
3 proponent and opponent of thereof. The pre-
4 vious question shall be considered as ordered on
5 the bill of final passage without intervening mo-
6 tion except 1 motion to recommit.

7 “(c) CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESIDENT’S PRO-
8 POSAL IN THE SENATE.—

9 “(1) INTRODUCTION.—Any debt reduction pro-
10 posal submitted by the President under section
11 3101B of title 31, United States Code, shall be in-
12 troduced by the majority or minority leader of the
13 Senate or their designees. Upon introduction, the
14 Chair of the Committee on the Budget shall within
15 3 days submit the proposal to the Congressional
16 Budget Office to be scored.

17 “(2) REFERRAL.—Any proposal introduced
18 under paragraph (1) shall be referred to the Com-
19 mittee on the Budget of the Senate.

20 “(3) REQUESTS BY BUDGET COMMITTEE.—

21 “(A) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES.—Not
22 later than 3 days after the date on which a pro-
23 posal is referred under paragraph (2), the Chair
24 of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate
25 shall submit to each appropriate committee of

1 the Senate a request that, during the 30-day
2 period beginning on the date on which the re-
3 quest is made, the appropriate committee sub-
4 mit to the Committee on the Budget of the
5 Senate—

6 “(i) a general assessment of the pro-
7 posal introduced under paragraph (1); and
8 “(ii)(I) any recommendations related
9 to the proposal; or

10 “(II) any alternative recommendation
11 to reduce the deficit within the jurisdiction
12 of the committee.

13 “(B) OTHER PROPOSALS.—Any Member of
14 the Senate may introduce a bill that meets the
15 required ratio, as determined by the Congres-
16 sional Budget Office, which shall be referred to
17 the Committee on the Budget of the Senate if
18 the proposal is sponsored by not less than one-
19 fifth of the Members, duly chosen and sworn,
20 including—

21 “(i) not fewer than 10 Members who
22 are members of or caucus with the mem-
23 bers of the political party of the majority
24 leader of the Senate; and

1 “(ii) not fewer than 10 Members who
2 are members of or caucus with any other
3 political party that is not the political
4 party of the majority leader of the Senate.

5 “(4) REPORTED LEGISLATION BY BUDGET COM-
6 MITTEE.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Committee on the
8 Budget of the Senate shall report a bill that
9 meets the required ratio not later than 60 days
10 after the date on which the President submits
11 a debt reduction proposal under this section.

12 “(B) CONTENTS OF LEGISLATION.—The
13 bill reported under subparagraph (A) may in-
14 clude—

15 “(i) the debt reduction proposal sub-
16 mitted by the President under this section;
17 and

18 “(ii) any proposal submitted to the
19 Committee on the Budget of the Senate
20 under paragraph (3), including any modi-
21 fications to such proposals by the Com-
22 mittee on the Budget of the Senate.

23 “(C) CBO SCORE.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—No bill may be re-
2 ported under subparagraph (A) unless the
3 Chair of the Committee on the Budget—

4 “(I) submits to the Director of
5 the Congressional Budget Office such
6 bill for a cost estimate to be prepared
7 under section 402; and

8 “(II) receives from the Director a
9 cost estimate described in subclause
10 (I) that includes a statement that
11 such bill meets the required ratio.

12 “(ii) TIME PERIOD.—The 60-day pe-
13 riod described in subparagraph (A) shall
14 not include the period beginning on the
15 date on which the Chair of the Committee
16 on the Budget of the Senate submits to the
17 Director of the Congressional Budget Of-
18 fice the bill under clause (i)(I) and ending
19 on the date on which the Chair receives the
20 cost estimate under clause (i)(II).

21 “(5) DISCHARGE.—If the Committee on the
22 Budget of the Senate has not reported a bill under
23 paragraph (4) before the end of the 60-day period
24 described in that paragraph, the Committee on the

1 Budget of the Senate shall be automatically dis-
2 charged from further consideration of—

3 “(A) the proposal introduced under para-
4 graph (1), which shall be placed on the appro-
5 priate calendar; and

6 “(B) any proposal submitted under para-
7 graph (3)(B), which shall be placed on the ap-
8 propriate calendar.

“(d) DEFINITION.—In this section and section 408,
the term ‘required ratio’ means the ratio that reduces by
not less than 5 percentage points the projected ratio under
current law of debt held by the public to Gross Domestic
Product in the tenth fiscal year after the current fiscal
year.

15 "SEC. 408. CONSIDERATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENT-
16 ATIVES OF ALTERNATIVE DEBT REDUCTION
17 PROPOSALS.

“(a) INTRODUCTION.—In the House of Representatives, any bill that satisfies the required ratio as determined by the Congressional Budget Office and does not contain any matter that is unrelated to debt reduction may be introduced by the majority leader, the minority leader, or by any other Member (if that Member’s proposed bill is cosponsored by at least 145 other Members or by at

1 least 20 Members of the majority party and 20 Members
2 of the minority party).

3 “(b) REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE ON RULES.—Any
4 bill introduced under subsection (a) shall be referred to
5 the Committee on Rules. Each such bill shall be scored
6 by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office to de-
7 termine if such bill satisfies the required ratio. If such bill
8 achieves the required ratio, it shall be reported without
9 amendment to the House for its consideration within 30
10 calendar days of the date of introduction of the bill.

11 “(c) QUEEN-OF-THE-HILL RULE FOR CONSIDER-
12 ATION.—In the House of Representatives, any bill de-
13 scribed in section 407 and any bill reported under sub-
14 section (b) shall be considered in the House of Representa-
15 tives pursuant to a special order of business if the text
16 of the bill provides that the text of all such bills reported
17 under subsection (b) may be offered as amendments in
18 the nature of a substitute and if more than one such
19 amendment is adopted then the one receiving the greater
20 number of affirmative recorded votes shall be considered
21 as finally adopted.

22 **“SEC. 409. CONSIDERATION ON THE FLOOR OF THE SEN-
23 ATE.**

24 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding Rule XXII of
25 the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is in order, not later

1 than 5 days of session after the date on which a bill meet-
2 ing the requirements of section 407(c)(4) is reported from
3 the Committee on the Budget of the Senate or the date
4 on which any proposal is placed on the calendar after dis-
5 charge under section 407(c)(5), as applicable, for the ma-
6 jority leader of the Senate or a Member of the Senate des-
7 ignated by the majority leader of the Senate to move to
8 proceed to the consideration of the bill. It shall also be
9 in order, notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing
10 Rules of the Senate, for any Member of the Senate to
11 move to proceed to the consideration of the bill at any
12 time after the conclusion of such 5-day period. A motion
13 to proceed is in order even though a previous motion to
14 the same effect has been disagreed to. All points of order
15 against the motion to proceed to the bill are waived. The
16 motion is not subject to a motion to postpone. A motion
17 to reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to
18 or disagreed to shall not be in order. Consideration of the
19 motion to proceed shall be limited to not more than 10
20 hours equally divided between the majority leader and the
21 minority leader or their designees. A motion to proceed
22 shall require an affirmative vote of three-fifths of Senators
23 duly chosen and sworn.

24 “(b) EXTRANEous PROVISIONS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—When the Senate is consid-
2 ering a bill under subsection (a), upon a point of
3 order being made by any Senator against a extra-
4 neous material contained in the joint resolution, and
5 the point of order is sustained by the Chair, the pro-
6 vision that contains the extraneous material shall be
7 stricken from the joint resolution.

8 “(2) EXTRANEous MATERIAL DEFINED.—In
9 this subsection, the term ‘extraneous material’
10 means—

11 “(A) a provision that does not produce a
12 change in outlays or revenue, including changes
13 in outlays and revenues brought about by
14 changes in the terms and conditions under
15 which outlays are made or revenues are re-
16 quired to be collected (but a provision in which
17 outlay decreases or revenue increases exactly
18 offset outlay increases or revenue decreases
19 shall not be considered extraneous by virtue of
20 this subparagraph); or

21 “(B) a provision producing changes in out-
22 lays or revenues which are merely incidental to
23 the non-budgetary components of the provision.

24 “(3) FORM OF THE POINT OF ORDER.—A point
25 of order under paragraph (1) may be raised by a

1 Senator as provided in section 313(e) of the Con-
2 gressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 644(e)).

3 **“SEC. 410. CONSIDERATION BY OTHER HOUSE.**

4 “If a House of Congress receives a bill passed by the
5 other House under section 408 or 409 and has not yet
6 passed a bill under section 408 or 409, the following pro-
7 cedures for consideration shall apply:

8 “(1) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IN THE
9 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

10 “(A) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—It shall be in
12 order, not later than 30 days after the
13 date on which the House of Representa-
14 tives receives a bill passed by the Senate
15 under section 409, to move to proceed to
16 consider the bill in the House of Rep-
17 resentatives.

18 “(ii) PROCEDURE.—For a motion to
19 proceed to consider a bill under this sub-
20 paragraph—

21 “(I) all points of order against
22 the motion are waived;

23 “(II) such a motion shall not be
24 in order after the House of Represent-

12 “(B) CONSIDERATION.—If the House of
13 Representatives proceeds to consideration of a
14 bill under this paragraph—

“(i) the bill shall be considered as
read;

“(ii) all points of order against the bill and against its consideration are waived;

20 “(iii) the previous question shall be
21 considered as ordered on the bill to its pas-
22 sage without intervening motion except
23 three hours of debate equally divided and
24 controlled by the proponent and an oppo-
25 nent;

1 “(iv) an amendment to the bill shall
2 not be in order; and

3 “(v) a motion to reconsider the vote
4 on passage of the bill shall not be in order.

5 “(2) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION IN THE SEN-
6 ATE.—

7 “(A) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
9 rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the
10 Senate, it is in order, not later than 30
11 days after the date on which the Senate re-
12 ceives a bill passed under section 408 by
13 the House of Representatives, to move to
14 proceed to consider the bill in the Senate.

15 “(ii) PROCEDURE.—For a motion to
16 proceed to the consideration of a bill under
17 this paragraph—

18 “(I) all points of order against
19 the motion are waived;

20 “(II) the motion is not debatable;

21 “(III) the motion is not subject
22 to a motion to postpone;

23 “(IV) a motion to reconsider the
24 vote by which the motion is agreed to

1 or disagreed to shall not be in order;
2 and

3 “(V) if the motion is agreed to,
4 the bill shall remain the unfinished
5 business until disposed of.

6 “(B) FLOOR CONSIDERATION GEN-
7 ERALLY.—If the Senate proceeds to consider-
8 ation of a bill under this paragraph—

9 “(i) all points of order against the bill
10 (and against consideration of the bill) are
11 waived;

12 “(ii) consideration of the bill, and all
13 debatable motions and appeals in connec-
14 tion therewith, shall be limited to not more
15 than 20 hours, which shall be divided
16 equally between the majority and minority
17 leaders or their designees;

18 “(iii) a motion further to limit debate
19 is in order and not debatable;

20 “(iv) an amendment to, a motion to
21 postpone, or a motion to recommit the bill
22 is not in order; and

23 “(v) a motion to proceed to the con-
24 sideration of other business is not in order.

1 “(C) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on
2 passage of a bill under this paragraph shall
3 occur immediately following the conclusion of
4 the consideration of the bill, and a single
5 quorum call at the conclusion of the debate if
6 requested in accordance with the rules of the
7 Senate, and shall require an affirmative vote of
8 three-fifths of the Members of the Senate duly
9 chosen and sworn.

10 “(3) CONFERENCES.—If the Senate and the
11 House of Representatives have both passed the bill
12 in different forms, then a conference committee on
13 the bill shall be considered as ordered and the
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
15 majority leader of the Senate shall immediately ap-
16 point Managers to such conference committee to re-
17 solve any disagreement between the Houses.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
19 in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget and Impound-
20 ment Control Act of 1974 is amended by inserting after
21 the item relating to section 406 the following:

“Sec. 407. Consideration of the debt reduction proposal submitted by the Presi-
dент.

“Sec. 408. Consideration in the House of Representatives of alternative debt re-
duction proposals.

“Sec. 409. Consideration on the floor of the Senate.

“Sec. 410. Consideration by other house.”.

